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Subject: RE: WA Hydro Dams NPDES wkly update

Hi All:

Here's a quick update on the OGC side of things: OGC continues to work on a briefing paper. They think they will have one ready for preliminary review by COB today. Richard Witt (OGC staff atty assigned to this) will be out next week so Mary Ellen (his supervisor) said that finalizing the document will occur the week of October 22nd. She was checking in with Steve N. on the timing and was going to get back to me. I have conveyed to them that these permits are on the backlog list and that we have now sent them all out for certification so that they understand the urgency. I will let you know if I get any further updates.

--Courtney

From: Wu, Jennifer
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Subject: WA Hydro Dams NPDES wkly update

Here's the weekly update on the WA hydro dams NPDES updates:

This week my focus is finalizing all tribal consultation letters, finalizing the BE for internal review by this Friday COB, and providing updates to tribes and the Oil Spill team.

Lower Columbia and Lower Snake River Dams

1. Draft 401 certification communications – I spoke with Ellie Key, my contact at Ecology, who will be issuing the 401 certs for all nine dams. She indicated that Ecology would not be able to provide a draft 401 certification by October 18-19 (30 days after we sent the request) and expected to send a draft 401 certification mid-November. Ecology has a meeting with Columbia

Riverkeeper on Oct 29. Maia Bellon will be attending.

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2. Tribal Consultation Letters. All tribal consultation letters were sent last week to tribes interested in the Lower Columbia and Lower Snake River dams. This is a follow-up to emails in August 2018 and a presentation to tribes on September 19, 2018. Tribes include Cowlitz, Grand Ronde, Warm Springs, Yakama, Nez Perce, and Umatilla. The tribal chair was incorrect for the Nez Perce Tribe, so a new letter is being prepared for Dan's signature. (Colville, Kalispel, and Spokane Tribes are in the Grand Coulee area.)

Grand Coulee

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2. Supplementary outfall coverage - I received more information from Grand Coulee on specific outfalls that need coverage. I will make changes in the public draft.
3. 316b and BOR - I have a meeting with BOR and Grand Coulee next Wednesday to discuss permit details including 316(b) proposals. I received comments from EPA HQ this today on 316(b) and have another call tomorrow. EPA HQ has indicated to me that they are waiting to hear from OGC's briefing - no indications on timeline for responding on 316(b) applicability.
4. Tribal Consultation Letters. I drafted tribal consultation letters to the Spokane Tribe and Kalispel Tribe which are being prepared for Dan's signature.

Overall

1. ESA consultation - Martin has a great start on the BE components. He is working on data analysis and charts. I'm working on proposed actions and operations. Martin and I plan to finalize the species list this week and being on the BE with a proposed BE finished for internal review by October 12.
2. Internal communication - I will send an update this week to EPA oil spill/NPDES compliance team.
3. External communications - I've been talking externally on these permits with many entities to make sure everyone is informed. Here's a description of outreach with different groups:
 - a. Tribes - I will send an email to my contacts with updates on the status of the permits
 - b. Services - see above
 - c. Federal Caucus - Presented on September 18. Mary Lou has also talked extensively with above.
 - d. BOR - see above
 - e. US Army Corps - I have a call with the Corps on Thursday as part of our biweekly check-ins.
 - f. Columbia Riverkeeper - no communication last week

- g. Ecology – see above
- h. ODEQ – see above

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